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HUNGARIAN COMMUNIST PERSONALITIES;
WORKERS' ARREST IN HUNGARIAN PLANT

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PERSONALITIES AT THE MAVAG-KOHAZATI UZEMEK VALLALAT IN DIOSGYOR

Important plants of Hungarian heavy industry are located in Diosgyor, which is the third district of Miskolc. The metallurgical works (Kohászati Üzemek Vállalat) of the Mavag (Hungarian State Iron, Steel, and Machine-Building Works) in Diosgyor consists of three parts:

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	<u>No of Employees</u>
O gyar (old plant), foundries	12,000-13,000
Uj gyar (new plant), machinery plant	8,000-10,000
Mexico (in the Mexico forest) gun plant	5,000-6,000
Total	25,000-30,000

The Mexico gun plant is officially called the heavy machine-tool plant. It is actually a gun plant. Twenty to 25 Soviet engineers are employed there. They are in contact with the management only.

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The managing director of all three plants is Ferenc Herczeg. In 1947, he came to the Mavag as deputy of the former managing director. He took over as managing director in 1950. He is about 45, tall, slender, and blond.

Deputy to the managing director is Geza Varga.

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Party secretary of the plant is Geza Kovacs.

Chairman of the plant committee is Bertalan Vamosi.

Head of the casting preparations division is Ferenc Toth.

Jozsef Vitany is a former autogenous welder.

Istvan Balogh is a Communist former worker.

Jozsef Lutheran is a former worker.

Since the war, production in the metallurgical works increased three to four times. Waste products also increased. Formerly, the cast-iron waste products amounted to 2-3 percent monthly, while today, the waste products amount to 25-30 percent per month. This increase of waste products can be explained by the senseless increase of quotas.

The Mexico gun plant is guarded by so-called Peace Guards, who are dressed in black uniforms and are subordinate to the AVH (Allamvedelmi Hatosag, State Security Authority). The workers of the gun plant are specially selected and work 12 hours daily. They boast of their earnings of 3,000 forints per month.

About 1,500 internees do construction work at the old plant. They are housed in buildings which were originally designed for a magnesite plant. Little is heard about them, since they are kept isolated and strongly guarded. However, many of them escape, and posses are frequently formed to catch them.

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In September 1951, Martin furnace No 8 exploded. Two workers were arrested and accused of sabotage. However, it could not be proved that they committed sabotage. The other workers are of the opinion that the explosion was caused by overintensified work procedures. Sabotage was only committed to a rather small extent and in a manner difficult to detect.

DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF BUDAPEST GANZ FACTORY ARRANGES A SECOND ARREST

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In December 1951, Janos Smalida

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